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Judicial Council Recommendations

The Judicial Council of Georgia met on August 20, 2004 in Atlanta to consider requests for additional superior court judgeships. Requests from the Appalachian Circuit, Cobb Circuit, Dublin Circuit and Southern Circuit were approved by vote of the Council. These recommendations will be sent to the Governor and the General Assembly for consideration in the 2005 legislative session.

No legislation creating superior court judgeships was passed during the 2004 session of the General Assembly. Therefore, the six circuits recommended for new judgeships at the August 2003 Judicial

Council meeting remain on the table for consideration by the Legislature. The Council ranked the six carry-over circuits and the four newly-approved circuits in priority order as follows:

1. Southern (5th judgeship),
2. Gwinnett (9th judgeship),
3. Flint (3rd judgeship),
4. Cherokee (4th judgeship),
5. Appalachian (3rd judgeship),
6. Dublin (3rd judgeship),
7. Coweta (6th judgeship),
8. Cobb (10th judgeship),
9. Southern (6th judgeship), and
10. Gwinnett (10th judgeship).

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Standing (l-r): Judge Philip West, Judge Jon B. Wood, Judge George Nunn, Judge Hal Craig, Judge Robin Nash, Judge John Ott, Judge Gibbs Flanders, Judge Hugh Stone, Judge Dan Coursey, Judge Mike Bracewell, Judge Jim McDonald, Judge Haynes Townsend, Judge Gates Peed.

Seated (l-r): Judge Ed Carriere, Judge Melinda Anderson, Judge John Salter, Judge Susan Tate, Chief Justice Fletcher, Judge Doris Downs, Judge Linda Hunter, Judge Wallace Cato, Chief Judge J.D. Smith. Not pictured: Presiding Justice Leah Ward Sears, Presiding Judge John H. Ruffin, Jr. (8/20/04)

Jay B. Martin, AOC Deputy Director, Retires

On October 14, 2004, a retirement reception was held for Jay B. Martin, Administrative Office of the Courts Deputy Director since 1999.

Mr. Martin came to the AOC after serving as court administrator for the Fulton County



Mr. Jay B. Martin and wife, Sandy.

Juvenile Court. Prior to his work in judicial administration, Mr. Martin

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People, Places and Events ...

In Memoriam

✳ **Senior Judge Joe C. Crumbley** of Jonesboro died October 26, 2004. Judge Crumbley served on the Clayton County superior court bench from 1977 until his retirement in 1992. He served four years in the US Airforce before attending law school and entering private practice.

✳ **Judge William M. Coolidge, III**, of Buford, died unexpectedly on October 30, 2004. Judge Coolidge was the current president of the Council of Municipal Court Judges and served as chief judge for the City of Norcross and as associate judge in Duluth and Sugar Hill.

Appointments

✳ **Judge Danny S. Shepard**, State Court of Miller County, was sworn in by Gov. Sonny Perdue in a ceremony held in the Governor's office on September 9, 2004.

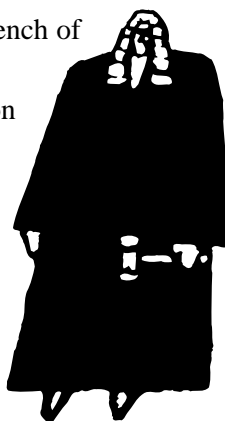
✳ At a swearing in ceremony on October 20, 2004, in the State Capitol, Governor Sonny Perdue administered the oath of office to **Judge Beverly Collins**, Cobb County State Court. Judge Collins fills a newly-created Division I seat. **Judge Maria B. Golick** was sworn in to replace Judge Collins on the Division II bench.

✳ On October 5, 2004, Gov. Perdue announced his appointment of **Judge Seay V. Poulakos** to a newly-created seat on the Coweta County State Court.

✳ The state's newly appointed Public Defenders were sworn-in on July 21, 2004, by Chief Justice Norman S. Fletcher, Supreme Court of Georgia. The ceremony was held in the House Chambers of the State Capitol Building.

Juvenile Court

✳ **Judge John Worcester-Holland** was appointed to the Juvenile Court bench of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit on September 10, 2004. Judge Worcester-Holland fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge William L. Riley in April.



✳ On September 9, 2004, **Judge LeRoy Burke, III**, was appointed to a new full-time position on the Juvenile Court bench in the Eastern Judicial Circuit. Judge Burke previously served on the Recorder's Court of Chatham County.

✳ **Judge William H. Sams** was appointed on September 2, 2004, to serve a part-position on the Juvenile Court bench in the Augusta Judicial Circuit.

Honors

✳ **Chief Judge N. Kent Lawrence**, State Court of Clarke County, has been appointed to the Committee on DUI/Drug Courts of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. The Clarke County State Court has been selected as a national mentor court for the National Drug Court Institute's Planning Initiative to provide training for DUI/Drug courts.

✳ **Judge Donald Peppers**, State Court of Walker County, was honored with the Ogden Doremus Award presented by the Council of State Court Judges on October 15, 2004.

Portrait Unveiling

✳ On July 19, 2004, former **Chief Justice Harold N. Hill** was honored for his service on the Supreme Court of Georgia. Justice Hill was a member of the court from 1975 to 1986, serving as Chief Justice from 1982 to 1986. The unveiling ceremony was attended by members of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, judges from throughout the state, former colleagues, family, and friends.



Retirement Reception *cont.*

served in the US Army and retired in 1992 as a full Colonel. During his 30 year army career he was stationed in Korea, Germany, Vietnam, Thailand, and a number of state-side bases.

After the departure of former AOC Director George Lange, Mr. Martin served as Interim Director for a year and a half. Mr. Martin also created the Human Resources Division and served as its manager. He served as staff to the Judicial Emergency Management Task Force and devel-

oped a procedures manual to help Georgia courts plan for disasters.

At the reception, Mr. David Ratley, AOC Director spoke for the agency when he said, "We thank you for your contributions to the Georgia AOC and we thank you for being our friend."

Chief Justice Norman S.

Fletcher, Supreme Court of Georgia, recognized Mr. Martin's achievements over the past five years. A videotaped message from Justice Robert Benham was shown to those assembled.



Chief Justice Fletcher speaks to Mr. and Mrs. Martin about plans for the future.

AOC staff presented Mr. Martin with an engraved timepiece in appreciation of his hard work.



Mr. Martin dons his new beret.

Other gifts included an easel, a red beret, and art supplies for retirement pursuits.

The afternoon reception was attended by members of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, various trial court judges from around the state, staff members of the AOC, family and friends. ☺

Judicial Council *cont.*

Other Business

The Council approved the budget request totaling \$62,504,435 for FY2006 as recommended by the Budget Committee. The request includes continuation funds of \$48,973,242 plus \$13,531,192 in enhancement items. Judge John Salter, chair of the Judicial Council

budget committee, reported that in early August the committee met in Americus and unanimously approved both the 2006 continuation and the 2005 supplemental appropriations request.

Chief Justice Fletcher announced appointment of Judicial Council Standing Committees as follows: Records Retention, Court Fees, Standard Code and Statute Table, Caseload Methodology, and Cross Jurisdictional Issues.

Judges named to chair these committees are as follows:

Standard Code & Statute

Judge Wayne Purdom
State Court of DeKalb County;

Committee on Court Fees

Chief Judge Hugh Stone
Superior Court, Enotah Circuit;

Records Retention

Judge Barrett Whittemore
Whitfield County Magistrate Court;

Caseload Methodology

Chief Judge Joe Bishop
Superior Court, Pataula Circuit;

Cross-Jurisdictional Issues

Justice Harris Hines
Supreme Court of Georgia. ☺

Judicial Council

*The next meeting of the Judicial Council
will be held on*

Friday, December 10, 2004

*at the
Crowne Plaza Ravinia*

*4355 Ashford Dunwoody
Atlanta, Georgia*

Model Courts: Family Visitation Protocol Project

In August 2004, the Model Courts Project, Child Placement Project and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges held a strategic planning meeting to kick-off the formation of the "Visitation Protocol Project." Participants from across Georgia and other states took part in the two-day meeting held in Atlanta at the Romae T. Powell Juvenile Justice Center.

Examining the Issues

The purpose of the August meeting was to bring together judges, attorneys, social workers, service and treatment providers, and other court professionals to examine the issues and concerns surrounding a child who has been placed temporarily outside the home. Participants discussed minimum standards for family time, reviewed best practices and examined the roles of justice system professionals. The group will develop a structured process for family visits to enhance judicial decision-making. Participants will meet again in December to discuss the issue of domestic violence as it relates to family visitation.

Over the summer, the Model Courts Project and the Child Placement Project conducted a Court Assessment Study. Staff traveled across the state visiting juvenile courts, observing court hearings and reviewing case files. A report from

this study will be available in January 2005.

Other Endeavors

The Model Courts Project Fall Workshop, "Back to Basics," took place in October in Ellijay, Georgia. Participants reviewed the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' Resource Guidelines and discussed key performance measures. Each model court site reported on progress in court improvement goals over the past year.

Often the permanency plan for a child in foster care is based on the most convenient or readily available resource, and may not precisely serve the child's best interests. The Model Courts Project plans to review permanency options for children in foster care and make recommendations for a comprehensive approach to making permanency decisions. "The Promise of Permanency Report" will review statutorily prescribed options and

outline a proposed model for a presumptive order of preference for permanency options.

Model Courts Project

The Model Courts Project is part of a nationwide effort to improve the court process regarding child abuse and neglect cases. Juvenile court judges, court staff and related agencies collaborate to improve court procedures and implement "best practices." The Model Courts Project, created in January 2000, is a joint project of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges and the Child Placement Project. Ms. Lori Bramlett serves as coordinator for the project.

Eight model court sites operate across the state. They are in the Appalachian, Dublin, and Southwestern Judicial Circuits, and Bartow, Cobb, Fulton, Houston, and Troup counties. ☞

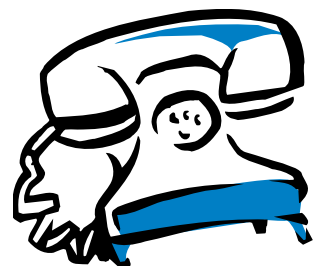
For more information on the Model Courts Project, please contact Lori Bramlett at 404-463-6480 or bramlett@gaaoc.us. Information is also available online at <http://www.childwelfare.net/mrb/projects/>



Courts Directory Now Available!

The 2004-2005 Georgia Courts Directory is now available!

*Copies are \$20.
For more details, call
Ashley Stollar, 404-656-6783.*



Grants Update: Support for Court Initiatives

Since July 1, 2004, the Legislative and Governmental Affairs Division of the AOC has secured grants totaling more than \$1,150,000 to support the work of Georgia courts. The grant applications were submitted by Ms. Jane Martin, Assistant Director for Grants and Performance Outcomes, and Mr. Al Frazier, AOC Grants Manager.

Grants expand Drug Courts

Georgia will gain seven new drug courts this year, thanks to a successful Byrne Grant application. The \$223,214 federal grant, when combined with \$74,404 in matching funds from the courts, will provide \$297,618 to expand Georgia's successful drug court model to the new sites. The new felony adult drug courts will be in the superior courts of the Towaliga, Bell-Forsyth, Tallapoosa, Western, and Gwinnett Judicial circuits, and in Sumter and Baldwin Counties. Each circuit or county will receive \$31,887 to implement the program.

A \$50,000 grant was awarded to allow the Muscogee County Juvenile Drug Court to continue operation. State Attorney General Thurbert E. Baker recently recommended approval of the application for funding from settlement agreement funds.

Grants support DUI courts

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety has agreed to provide \$474,200 to support the continued operations of DUI Court pro-

grams in Hall County, Athens-Clarke County and Chatham County. These courts provide intensive case management, treatment and judicial oversight of DUI offenders who multiple convictions. Georgia is one of only two states selected as national demonstration projects by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Electronic Traffic Citations

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, through the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, has provided \$175,300 to install a web-based Uniform Traffic Citation Electronic Communication Program. The program will facilitate electronic transmission of traffic citation data to the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety. The AOC Information Technology division is designing and developing the traffic court case management system.

New projects find support

• A \$65,000 grant from the Georgia Civil Justice Foundation was awarded to underwrite the work of the Georgia Supreme Court Jury Composition Committee. (see photo.)

The Georgia Bar Foundation also approved a \$20,000 grant to the committee from Interest on Lawyer

Trust Fund Accounts (IOLTA). The goal of the committee, chaired by Justice Hugh Thompson, is to streamline and automate the system of compiling jury lists by creating a comprehensive, all-inclusive master list for each jurisdiction that will better represent community diversity.

• Additionally, the Georgia Civil Justice Foundation has provided \$45,000 to underwrite a Spanish version of the People's Law School. The program provides an overview of the civil legal system, including information on how the courts work.

• The federal State Justice Institute awarded \$15,594 to help DeKalb County Probate Court establish a model Court Visitor program.

• The AOC and 7th District Court Administrator Jody Overcash also won funding from the Children and Youth

Coordinating Council for two programs for juveniles. The Council awarded \$33,146 for a Juvenile Mediation Program aimed at helping first offenders resolve conflicts, and \$10,500 for the New Horizon Program for Juvenile Delinquency to expand juvenile court programs for youth. ☺



Justice Hugh Thompson accepts a check from Mr. Fred Smith of the Georgia Civil Justice Foundation on behalf of the Jury Composition Committee. Also pictured are AOC staff members: Mr. Al Frazier, Ms. Jane Martin, and Ms. Leslie Johnson.

Commission on Interpreters

Ms. Angie Rivera, Project Administrator for the Commission on Interpreters, talks about the Commission's current projects.

Q. What is the purpose of the Georgia Commission on Interpreters?

A.R. The Commission was created to develop criteria for training and certification of court foreign-language interpreters and to establish standards of conduct, register interpreters, and collect data.



Ms. Angie Rivera

Q. What has the Commission been involved in lately?

A.R. Fall is always a busy time for us. We've just sent out certification

renewal notices to our interpreters. Our second oral certification exam for the year has just been completed with 14 applicants participating.

Q. How often is testing available for interpreters?

A.R. This year the Commission has already conducted two oral exams and three written exams. The next written exam is scheduled for November 15.

Q. How many foreign-language interpreters are available in Georgia?

A.R. Because of license renewals still coming in, we don't have an exact count just yet. Each year we normally have 50-75 newly-registered interpreters and five new certified interpreters.

Q. Where can I go to find contact information for interpreters in my area?

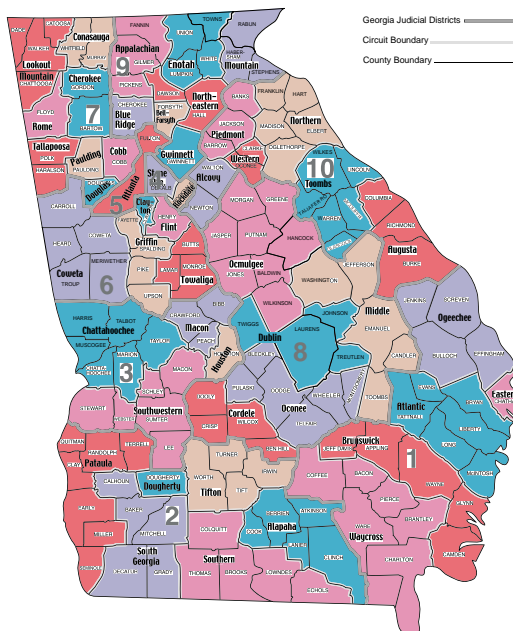
A.R. Our website <http://www.georgiacourts.org/agencies/Interpreters/index.html> provides a full listing of certified and registered interpreters who are available for use in the courts.

Q. I don't see any interpreters listed in my county. Can interpreters work anywhere in the state?

A.R. Yes. Interpreters may work anywhere in the state.

Q. Are there any projects new projects that you're working on?

A.R. Currently, I'm working with a committee to develop a DVD for states to use as a training tool on how to administer oral certification exams effectively. ⚖️



Judicial Circuit Map

Do you need a quick reference for finding the Western Circuit? Tired of flipping through the Georgia Courts Directory to the tiny black and white map of the Circuits? Ever wonder if Toombs County is in the Toombs Circuit?

Fret not, the answers are near. With a new 11"x14" color map of the Judicial

Circuits and Districts you'll be able to quickly find that the Western Circuit is actually in east Georgia and that Toombs County is a far piece from the Toombs Circuit.

The map is easy to use and free of charge. For more information on obtaining a map, contact Ashley Stollar at 404-656-6783. ⚖️

2004 Judicial Election Results

The following judges will take office January 1, 2005.

Superior Court

Judge Eugene M. Benton

Alcovy Judicial Circuit;

Judge Ural Glanville

Judge Michael Johnson
Atlanta Judicial Circuit;

Judge Sheryl B. Jolly

Augusta Judicial Circuit;

Judge Bobby Peters

Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit;

Judge Steve Schuster

Cobb Judicial Circuit;

Judge Bobby Chasteen

Cordele Judicial Circuit;

Judge Dennis Blackmon

Coweta Judicial Circuit;

Judge Ronnie Batchelor

Gwinnett Judicial Circuit;

Judge Greg A. Adams

Judge Mark Scott

Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit;

Judge Hal Hinesley

Toombs Judicial Circuit;

Judge Mike Boggs

Waycross Judicial Circuit.



State Court

Judge Judd Drake

Candler County;

Judge Hermann Coolidge

Chatham County;

Judge Bob Preston

Coffee County;

Judge Barbara Mobley

DeKalb County;

Judge Randy Rich

Gwinnett County;

Judge Richard Lynn Waters, Jr.

Mitchell County

Judge Nancy Bills

Rockdale County;

Judge Grady K. Reddick

Screven County;

Judge James Irvin

Stephens County;

Judge Russ Barnes

Sumter County.

Probate Court

Judge Gene Lowery

Catoosa County;

Judge Wesley Lewis

Colquitt County;

Judge Pam Busby

Crawford County

Judge Hal Hamrick

Douglas County;

Judge Lynwood Jordan Jr.

Forsyth County;

Judge Kelley Powell

Henry County

Judge Allen Gay

Irwin County;

Judge Arthur Buford

Jeff Davis County;

Judge Andrew Bennett

Quitman County;

Judge Mitzi Way

Schley County;

Judge Gloria Dubberly

Tattnall County;

Judge Suzanne Johnson

Tift County;

Judge T.J. Hudson

Treutlen County;

Judge Kenneth Fowler

Twiggs County;

Judge Calvin Bennett

Ware County;

Judge Lucy J. Bryant

Warren County.

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request copies.**



Local Programs Showcase

Fulton County Family Court One Stop Program

Fulton County Superior Court One Stop program offers victims of domestic violence or stalking a simple blessing: convenience. Believed to be unique in Georgia, the program offers individuals who seek a temporary protective order (TPO) a full array of legal services at a single location.

The program was introduced to the county by Ms. Judith Cramer, District 5 Court Administrator, adapting a model she observed in Jacksonville, Florida. Cases are heard by two dedicated judges: Fulton County Magistrates Judge Richard E. Hicks and Judge Fred C. Eady, who sit as superior court judges by designation.

One Stop went into operation in Fulton County in February 2003. It eliminated the confusion and stress victims previously experienced as they were sent from one office to another to complete the steps to obtain a TPO.

"We didn't need any money to do it. We just needed cooperation," Ms. Cramer said.

According to Family Division Director Granvette E. Matthews, the feedback she receives shows One Stop has succeeded. When clients arrive – and in August 2004 alone,

the program served 229 individuals – they go through an initial screening to determine residency and whether the case involves domestic violence or stalking. The client is then given the appropriate petition form; staff review it to make sure it is properly filled out. If the victim has visible injuries, photographs are taken. The victim is offered help finding shelter and clothing by an advocate from the Partnership Against Domestic Violence. Victims are also offered free cell phones and chargers, provided by donations, that enable them to call 911 in an emergency.

One Stop collaborates with the Atlanta

Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, which provides free representation to qualified individuals. Foundation lawyers interview clients and provide representation in court. Victims may choose to represent themselves or hire a private attorney. To expedite the process, ex parte hearings on petitions for a TPO are held three times a day.

Family Division

Close communication between the One Stop program and the Family Court judges is a key to success. Since creation of the Family Division, spearheaded by Judge

Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore, most cases involving domestic issues are assigned to one of the three Family Division judges. Judges serve in Family Division for 18 month terms. Currently Judge Cynthia D. Wright, Judge Wendy L. Shoob and Judge Melvin K. Westmoreland serve the Family Division.

Family Division judges hear all cases involving divorce, custody, legitimation, alimony, separation, annulment and many other domestic legal matters. If a TPO is sought involving a case already in Family Division, the Family Division judge assigned will decide whether to hear the matter or allow it to remain on the Domestic Violence Calendar.

Family Law Information Center

Other services of Family Division include the Family Law Information Center (FLIC), which offers legal forms and information on a range of issues, on-site paternity and drug and alcohol testing, on-site domestic mediation, case evaluation, a staff psychologist, social service coordinators and guardians ad litem. Through FLIC, eligible parties can also obtain 30 minutes of free legal consultation offered through a contract with Atlanta Legal Aid.

Contact Ms. Granvette Matthews at 404-224-0505 for additional information. ♪

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***Ms. Judith Cramer,
Court Administrator***

Local Programs Showcase

Chatham Court Website one of Top Ten

The website of the Chatham County courts has been named one of the Top 10 Court Websites for the second time. The site was selected from over 2,400 reviewed. Courts must offer multiple e-services to be ranked in the Top Ten.



Mr. Carlton Blair, Clerk,
State Court of Chatham Co.

The award-winning website, www.chathamcourts.org, was created by Carlton W. Blair, Jr., Clerk of Chatham County State Court.

www.chathamcourts.org

The website provides links to all courts in Chatham County: Superior, State, Magistrate, Probate, Recorder's as well as several

Municipal courts. It enables individuals to pay traffic fines online, whether the fines are outstanding or yet to be addressed. E-filing for state court cases is also available. The website offers interactive features: indexing case data by arraignment date or the case status, search the docket by party or attorney, and review judges' calendars. It has links to information for jurors, indigent defendants and victim witnesses.

**"They've done it again...
a repeat winner from
2000, the Chatham
County courts have
banded together to offer
a one-stop web presence
with e-filing, fine pay-
ment, jury postponement,
docket index and forms."**

*Citation from Justice Served whose
annual list is widely recognized
<http://justiceserved.com/top10sites.cfm>*

Mr. Blair said the Chatham website went online in 2000. "Before it was implemented, I spent about 50 hours creating a framework for the website, then visited all the courts in our jurisdiction and asked them to participate. Getting buy-in took a while, because the concept was new at the time, but they all participated in some degree," he said.

The court website has now been folded into the Chatham County website, <http://www.chathamcounty.org/chatcourts.html>. While some features have been lost, the site retains much of its overall usability.

E-Filing

E-filing initially attracted a large number of users but in time many law firms near the courthouse returned to the practice of hiring students to file cases, rather than pay the \$15 e-filing fee. Firms that handle collections and other bulk filings continue to e-file at the \$3-4 bulk rate.

E-fines have also proved successful for State and Recorder's courts. So has the Recorder's Court practice of listing court schedules by police officer badge numbers. This gives police officers notice of their hearings online, any time, and reduces no-shows on court dates.

Future Sites

Mr. Blair is now creating a new website for his court, www.state-court.org which will have all of the original features plus new ones.

Individuals who have completed all the requirements of probation except the term may use e-probation, enabling them to report monthly to a probation officer online, and pay any fine, probation or other, due. ⚖

AG Opinion

OFFICIAL OPINION

Disbursement of partial payments received by superior court clerks. Local governing authorities are not authorized to enact local ordinances that differ from OCGA § 15-6-95 which establishes an order of priority for the distribution of partial payments toward criminal fines, forfeitures, or costs that are received by clerks of superior court. (11/1/04 2004-10)

2004-2005 Georgia Courts Directory Corrections

Please note these corrections and additions.

SUPERIOR COURT

Appalachian Circuit
Chief Judge Brenda Weaver
weaverb@gajudges.org

SENIOR JUDGES

Superior Court
Judge George H. Bryant
93 Brown Circle
Hartwell, GA 30643-7002

Magistrate Court

Add: Senior Judge Samuel Nesbitt
Delete from Pickens Magistrate Court

STATE COURT

Miller County
Delete: Judge Robert Thomas
Add: Judge Danny Shepard
154 S. First Street
PO Box 585
Colquitt, GA 39837-0585
229-758-5288/F 758-9880
dshepard@bellsouth.net

JUVENILE COURT

Augusta Circuit
Delete: Judge Hugh Hadden
Add: Judge H. William Sams, Jr.

Eastern Circuit

Add: Judge LeRoy Burke, III
197 Carl Griffin Drive
Savannah, GA 31405-1362
912-652-6764/F 652-6744
lburke@chathamcounty.org

*Delete from Chatham County
Recorder's Court*

Griffin Circuit

Presiding Judge Tarey Schell
PO Box 1469
Griffin, GA 30224
770-467-4376

Assoc. Judge Ben J. Miller, Jr.
PO Drawer 671
Thomaston, GA 30286
706-647-5466

Piedmont Circuit

Judge Kevin Guidry
706-387-6246

MAGISTRATE COURT

Calhoun County
Delete: Judge Maurice A. Duff

Catoosa County

Judge George W. Mueller, Jr.
798 LaFayette Street
Ringgold, GA 30736

Cherokee County

Chief Magistrate
Judge Benjamin Cade Abney

Burke County

Judge Ed Grunewald
PO Box 401
Waynesboro, GA 30830-0401
706-554-2050/F 554-8772

Fannin County

Delete: Judge R. Steve Stanley

Greene County

Delete: Judge Richard W. Schmidt
Add: Judge Peter J. Rice, Jr.
106 S. Main Street
Greensboro, GA 30642

Fulton County

Delete: Judge Mark Harper

Gwinnett County

Delete: Judge Chung Lee

Hancock County

Judge Robert L. Burton
FAX 706-444-6178

Jackson County

Judge Billy Chandler
Judge Sherri Evans
5000 Jackson Parkway, Suite 230
Jefferson, GA 30549
706-387-6356/F 387-6369

Liberty County

Judge Amy L. Owens
502 Windsor Court
Hinesville, GA 31313
912-876-6212/F 876-6212

McIntosh County

Judge Ralph E. Poppell
Judge Teresa K. Jennings
Judge Joseph R. Robertson
PO Drawer 459
Darlen, GA 31305

Oglethorpe County

Judge Ashley Barnett
PO Box 356
Lexington, GA 30648
706-743-8321/F 743-3177

Twiggs County

Delete: Judge Kenneth Fowler
Add: Judge David Brown

MUNICIPAL COURT

Albany

Delete: Judge Paula T. Hanington

Add: Judge William H. Gregory, II
PO Box 607
Albany, GA 31702-0607
229-431-3036/F 431-2249

Barnesville

Judge A. Henry Abreu
404 Thomaston Street
Barnesville, GA 30204
770-358-2121/F 358-1950

2004-2005 Georgia Courts Directory Corrections

Please note these corrections and additions.

Helena

Delete: Judge Steven Harrison
Add: Judge Tom Everett
101 SW Railroad Street
Mount Vernon, GA 30445
912-583-4121

Kingsland

Judge Robert C. Sweatt, Jr.
PO Box 1117
Kingsland, GA 31548
912-729-3700/F 729-3720

Kennesaw

Judge Donald W. Singleton
2325 Log Cabin Drive
Olde Ivy, Suite 105
Smyrna, GA 30080
770-432-2922/F 495-9925

Leslie

Delete: Judge James Sizemore
Add: Judge Plez Hardin
PO Box 226
Leslie, GA 31764
229-942-0758

Lyons

Judge Sherri Paul McDonald
PO Box 296
Vidalia, GA 30475-0296
912-537-3404/F 537-3730

Riverdale

Judge Thomas S. Robinson, III
142 Mitchell Street, Suite 401
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-521-1211/F 521-1727

Sale City

Judge Richard L. Waters, Jr.
PO Box 188
Camilla, GA 31730
229-336-3962/F 336-9163

Smyrna

Judge Timothy W. Wolfe
3059 Vinings Ferry Drive
Atlanta, GA 30339-4343
770-435-8616/F 805-0494

Wrightsville

Judge Matthew Waters
PO Box 151

Wrightsville, GA 31096
478-864-9370/F 864-9372

US DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN

Clerk
Luther D. Thomas
404-215-1600

SUPERIOR COURT CLERK

Bulloch County

Street address:
20 Siebald Street

Morgan County

PO Drawer 551

SOLICITOR GENERAL

Chattooga County

Delete: Don W. Thompson
Add: Sanford M. Hill

DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATORS

District 2

John Cowart
jcowart0738@bellsouth.net

Commission on Access and Fairness Activities

The Georgia Commission on Access and Fairness in the Courts continues work on upcoming projects.

❖ A draft of the *Handbook for Georgia Court Officials on Courtroom Accessibility for Individuals* is under review by members of the Commission. The final version is projected to be completed in December 2004.

❖ Judge Nina Radakovich, City Court of Atlanta, Judge Nelly F. Withers, Juvenile Court of DeKalb County, Ms. Marla Moore, AOC Senior Associate Director, and Ms. Stephanie Chambliss, GCAFC Program Manager, were among participants at the 26th Annual National Association of Women Judges Conference and Gender Fairness Workshop. The Conference was held October 7-10, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

❖ The GCAFC is co-sponsoring the 2005 Annual Conference of the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts. The meeting will be held in Atlanta in April, 2005.

Contact Ms. Stephanie Chambliss at 404-463-3927 for additional information. ♪

District Updates

10th JAD Holds Training

Administrative Judge:

Judge John M. Ott

District Court Administrator:

L. Tom Gunnels

Circuits:

Alcovy, Augusta, Northern,
Piedmont, Toombs and Western.

The Tenth Judicial Administrative District and the Superior Courts of Georgia recently hosted a regional Guardian Ad Litem Training seminar. Presented by the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, the session explained many facets of protecting the best interests of chil-

dren to forty-four participants from the Augusta and Toombs Circuits.

Daniel A. Bloom, Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, lead an instructor group of medical doctors, attorneys, child psychologists, and child advocates in the eight-hour course directed toward attorneys and lay-people who serve as guardians ad litem. Attendees were instructed on how to begin the job of a guardian, how to keep files and records, how to communicate with lawyers and the courts, and how to remain objective in their work.

Judge Neal W. Dickert, Augusta Judicial Circuit, said, "Being a guardian ad litem in a disputed cus-

tody case is a complex and multifaceted job. The program addressed all the issues necessary to enable the participants to do this job effectively. We could not have been more pleased with the program and response from the attendees."

The Augusta Judicial Circuit will soon require GAL training as a prerequisite for service.

The Tenth Judicial Circuit will host a second training session in Athens, in early 2005, for the Western, Piedmont, Alcovy and Northern Circuits. For additional information, contact Mr. Tom Gunnels, 706-312-7230. ☞

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